



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
Health Department**

**Date:** July 21, 2014

**To:** HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Subject:** PRESENTATION ON FOOD, LODGING & POOLS AUDIT

**Recommendation:**

Receive and file report on the Health Department's self-audit of its inspection programs to determine progress and compliance with state requirements.

**Previous Directives:** None

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**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC):** Approval \_\_\_\_ Not Applicable X  
**Policy Review Group (PRG)** Approval \_\_\_\_ Date of Approval \_\_\_\_ Not Applicable X

**Presenters in Committee:** Dan Huff, Director of Environmental Health

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The Food, Lodging and Pools unit of the Environmental Health Division within the Minneapolis Health Department conducts health inspections of licensed restaurants, hotels, pools, farmers markets, festivals, tattoo parlors, and many other facilities. The unit operates under separate delegation agreements from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the Minnesota Department of Health, and is charged with protecting Minneapolis' residents and guests from disease and injury at licensed businesses.

In 2010, the inspection program was audited by the Minnesota Department of Health, and found to be deficient in 5 of 8 areas. The five areas include: Regulatory Foundation (outdated ordinances); Risk Based Inspection Program (frequency, risk category); Uniform inspection program (standardization of inspectors and orders); Illness & Injury Investigation (training and response); and Compliance and Enforcement (lacking protocols).

The presentation today focuses on the state audit, the City's past and on-going response, and remaining challenges.